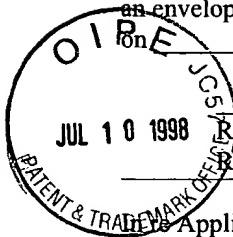


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDED FEE |
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| INDEP. | 5 | 5 | 0 | \$41.00 | \$.00 |
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- ☐ A petition for a month extension of time is enclosed.
☒ If an extension or an additional extension of time is required, but is not enclosed, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and charge Deposit Account 18-1829 accordingly.
☐ A check in the amount of is attached.
☒ No additional fee is required.
☒ Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 18-1829. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENT TO AMENDMENT A

In support of the arguments set forth in Applicant's Amendment A dated June 1, 1998, attached hereto is a Declaration of Ronald S. Indeck, Ph.D., the sole inventor of the subject application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the Declaration in conjunction with Applicant's Amendment A when rendering the next Office Action.

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